

21. DISTRIBUTION OF *BUFO CAMORTENSIS* MANSUKHANI & SARKAR IN THE ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

In 1976 Mr Humayun Abdulali obtained some toads on Camorta Island, Central Nicobars. As they appeared different in structure and habit from *Bufo melanostictus* he left them at the Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta on his way back to Bombay.

They have been included as paratypes of a new species *Bufo camortensis* based on earlier specimens obtained by Dr A. G. K. Menon of ZSI at Camorta and Nancowry by Dr (Mrs) M. R. Mansukhani and A. K. Sarkar (1980). Except for paratypes from Camorta and Nancowry, (both in Central Nicobars) there is no reference to the species being found anywhere else.

An examination of the Bombay collection, has revealed earlier specimens of this species obtained by Mr Abdulali at Wright Myo in South Andaman (9th Feb. 1964) and Great

Nicobars (27th February and 3rd March 1966) which have remained listed as *Bufo melanostictus*. This re-examination reveals that this toad apparently extends throughout the length of the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

It is also interesting to note that a specimen of *Bufo melanostictus* was also obtained at Port Blair, South Andaman on the same day (9th February 1984) as *Bufo camortensis* and that these two species are not geographically isolated. It is of course possible that they occupy different habitats for though the mode of progression appeared different (Abdulali 1982), no different habitat was recorded.

To assure that there is no error in the labeling, inquiry at the ZSI reveals that they have specimens of *Bufo melanostictus* from the Andamans.

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22. THE OCCURRENCE OF THE MARBLED BALOON FROG
UPERODON SYSTOMA (SCHNEIDER) (FAMILY
MICROHYLIDAE) IN BARODA (GUJARAT STATE)

A specimen of this microhylid frog was collected from a dried out tributary of the River Vishwamitri passing through the University of Baroda campus. The coloration is